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I am writing this to seek your cooperation in our efforts to secure justice for Dr. Omar Abdul Rehman and 59 others arrested by the Egyptian authorities last April.

To give you a reasonably good picture of his case, Dr. Abdul Rehman, is a blind university professor, who was once accused of complicity in Sadat's assassination and of establishing Al Jihad Organisation. He was tried by a military court on these charges but was cleared on both counts. He was then arrested by the state security intelligence on the charge of reviving the ideas of Al Jihand in July, 1985.

Dr. Abdul Rehman is not only blind but suffers also from high blood pressure and diabetes. Notwithstanding these serious medical conditions and physical disability, he was put in solitary confinement. The family and lawyers of Dr. Rehman pleaded with the prison authorities to transfer him to a hospital or atleast to give him a shared cell so that others could help him with his medicines. The prison authorities refused. As a result of this, Dr. Rehman suffered a heart attack.

In September 1985, Dr. Rehman suffered a second heart attack and had to be removed to the intensive care unit at Kasr al ain hospital.

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Last April, Dr. Rehman was arrested yet once again alongwith 59 others from inside a mosque in Aswan. Before arresting them the police is reported to have used not only tear gas but also brutal physical violence, destroying completely a persons eye.

The charges against Dr. Rehman and 59 others were heard by a court of law and the accused were found not guilty and ordered to be released. But, despite the court order, Dr. Rehman and 59 others arrested with him were not released and continue to be held in Kena prison under emergency laws.

I am sure you will agree with me that the above constitute a blatant violation of human rights and the rule of law and that you and your organisation will do your best in this matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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